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SUBJECT: DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT BAN HAS RECEIVED DIRECTLY FROM NSF A DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING INTENDED TO FORMALIZE JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAM BETWEEN THE TWO BODIES.
2. ONE OF THE PURPOSES, IF NOT THE PRINCIPLE PURPOSE, OF BAN VICE PRESIDENT BRANKOV'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON UNDER NAS AUSPICES REPORTEDLY WILL BE TO DISCUSS REVISIONS BAN PROPOSES AND CONCLUDE AGREEMENT WITH NSF.
3. EMBASSY FEELS STRONGLY THAT IT IS NOT IN THE OVERALL U.S. INTEREST TO HAVE ANY TYPE OF AGREEMENT OR UNDERSTANDING WITH ARM OF GOB HANDLED IN THIS MANNER. TOO, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT FOR NSF TO CONCLUDE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH BAN IS NOT IN BEST INTEREST ALTHOUGH THERE MIGHT BE SOME ADVANTAGE IF IT IS COORDINATED WITHIN USG AND GOB UNDERSTANDS IT PART OF OVERALL EFFORT TO IMPROVE RELATIONS.
4. BULGARIAN (A) RECALCITRANCE ON RECIPROCITY ASPECT OF PROPOSAL FOR SOFIA SHOWING OF WESTERN AMERICAN ART EXHIBIT, (B) DELAY IN NAMING EAST-WEST JOURNALIST TOUR CANDIDATE AND(C) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HESITATION IN ACCEPTING AND SETTING DATES FOR KEITH CLARKE MUSIC

CIRCUS OR (D) EVEN SINGLE VISIT BY USIA MUSIC ADVISOR
DARYL DAYTON, NOT TO MENTION (E) CONTINUED JAMMING OF VOA
BULGARIAN SERVICE, MAY BE REFLECTION OF GOB'S INTENTION
TO WAIT TO SEE HOW MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS EFFECT US-SOVIET
DETENTE BEFORE MOVING AHEAD THEMSELVES. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS
HIGHLY INAPPROPRIATE FOR U.S. GOV'T BODY TO MOVE AHEAD AND
CONCLUDE SEPARATE AGREEMENT WITH THE BULGARS UNTIL SITUATION
CLEARS.
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